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SUBJECT: POSSIBLE SADDAM HUSSEIN VISIT TO MOSCOW

REF: BAGHDAD 666

1. INDIAN EMBOFF NARAIN TOLD ME SEPT 29 THAT GOI HAD
RECENTLY REQUESTED USSR TO RECEIVE URGENTLY RCC VICE
CHAIRMAN SADDAM HUSSEIN. SOVIETS HAD REFUSED AND PROPOSED
LATE OCTOBER VISIT. IRAQIS VERY ANGRY, BUT SADDAM EXPECTED
TO GO AT THAT TIME.

2. NARAIN EXPECTS DISCUSSIONS TO COVER FULL RANGE OF
BILATERAL PROBLEMS, AT TOP OF WHICH KURDISH CONFLICT,
IRANIAN ASSISTANCE TO KURDS, AND ROLE OF ICP IN NORTH.

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HE SAID ICP CONTINUING TO COMPLAIN THAT NATIONAL FRONT

NOT FUNCTIONING AS IT SHOULD AND IF BAATH LEADER NAIM HADDAD, WHO IS PRESIDENT OF FRONT, IS NOT IN TOWN FRONT DOESN'T FUNCTION AT ALL. ICP ALSO PRESSING HARD FOR MORE COMMUNIST MEMBERS ON KURDISH EXECUTIVE AND LEGISLATIVE COUNCILS AND PARTICULARLY FOR PRESIDENCY OF LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

3. OTHER SUBJECT LIKELY TO COME UP IS SOVIET ARMS SUPPLY TO REPLACE LARGE QUANTITY OF AMMUNITION AND VEHICLES EXPENDED IN NORTH. ON MIDDLE EAST, GOI HAS BEEN MOVING CLOSER TO SOVIET POSITION WITH SUPPORT FOR PLO AS SOLE LEGITIMATE REPRESENTATIVE OF PALESTINIANS (ALWAYS WITH CAVEAT THAT PLO EMCOMPASSES ALL PALESTINIAN CONTINGENTS.) ANOTHER POSSIBLE SUBJECT IS QUESTION OF SOVIET BASE AT UM AQSR. IRAQIS PROFESSED TO BE SERIOUSLY DISTURBED BY THIS CHARGE AND BRITISH MILATT TOLD ME HIS MILITARY CONTACT ARE TALKING ABOUT ORGANIZING TRIP BY MILITARY ATTACHES TO UM AQSR.
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